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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 538
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michael Osborn,
University of Memphis professor emeritus on a
new lecture series named in his honor.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary persons who dedicate themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who, through their knowledge, effective skills and love of people have shaped the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Professor Michael Osborn is one such outstanding individual who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 1998, the University of Memphis will begin a new lecture series named in Professor Osborn's honor; and

WHEREAS, Professor Michael Osborn will give the inaugural lecture on "Powerful Days in Memphis: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Challenge of Liberal Rhetoric"; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Professor Michael Osborn retired from the University of Memphis after 29 meritorious years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, for eight years, Michael Osborn served with acumen as the Chair of the Communications Department at the University of Memphis; and

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WHEREAS, his years as a benevolent contributor to the community are commendable. He has served his fellow citizens nobly through his work as the former president of the American Civil Liberties Union; and

WHEREAS, he presently serves with distinction as the chairman of the outreach and grants committee for the Tennessee Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, currently, Michael Osborn devotes his time and talents to teaching at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Professor Michael Osborn who, through his dedication to the profession and community he loves and the people he treasures, has had an extraordinary influence on the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Professor Michael Osborn for his outstanding contributions to the community, and to congratulate him on a new lecture series being named in his honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.